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Soviet Troops in Kecskemet.

1. Prior to August 1951, numerous barracks installations and other military quarters in Kecskemet (Y 6/N 95) were occupied by Soviet troops or were used as Soviet offices. The former Cavalry Barracks on the north side of Szolnoki Street, on the eastern perimitor of the city, housed a Soviet hospital. Soldiers wearing bandages and personnel in hospital uniform were observed entering and leaving the installation. Soviet soldiers were seen in the former Erzsébet Barracks on the south side of Izsáki Street, in the southwestern sector of the city. An antenna installation with two masts connected by two or three wires was seen in the barracks yard. Numerous Soviet motor vehicles were repeatedly seen in the yard of the former Artillery Barracks, also called Adolf Barracks, on the north side of Izsáki Street, opposite the Erzsébet Barracks. Soviet troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were last seen in the former Ferenc József Barracks, on the east side of the railroad line leading northward to the Kecskemet-Mariaváros railroad station, in August 1951. Soviet troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were last observed in the barracks installation on the southwest side of Homvod Street, at the northeastern edge of the cemetery, in July 1951. A two-story building on the northwest side of Nagykoerces Street, at number 34 or 36, and the villas of Dr. Somogyi and Imre Miklos, on the east side of Szechenyi Street, were occupied by Soviet troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. There was a Soviet restaurant was on the first floor, and a motion picture theater for Soviet soldiers on the second floor, of the Otthon Motion Picture Theater on the east side of Szechenyi Square, at the corner of Hornyak Street. There were Soviet offices in the first and second floors of adjoining houses on Hornyak Janos Street. Soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were repeatedly seen entering and leaving the building. A single-story building, located on the southwest side of Szechenyi Square and opposite the Otthon Motion Picture Theater, was used to quarter Soviet troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. *

Hungarian Troops in Kecskemet.

2. A high-echelon Hungarian military office was housed in the former secondary school (Realgymnasium) on the northwest side of Vassar Square. The three-story building, which was about 150 x 25 meters, was guarded by a sentry who wore green service color. Until the summer of 1951, Hungarian artillery troops were repeatedly seen in the new barracks installation west of the Soviet-occupied former Erzsébet Barracks on the south side of Izsáki Street. The installation was built in 1950.

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Behind the three-story main building were garages where some motor vehicles, but no weapons or other vehicles, were noticed. In late August 1951, a large barracks installation was under construction southwest of Kecskemet, between the road to Izsak (Y 6/N 6h) and the railroad line to Fucloepszallas (Y 6/N 5h), near the Korhankoez railroad station. The building site included the premises of the model farm of the former agricultural secondary school. Construction work was done by prisoners, supervised by military personnel. A spur track connected the building site with the railroad line. The nearly completed installation was not yet occupied by military units. ** Prior to August 1951, the Hungarian military post headquarters was located on the northwest side of Nagykoeroes Street, southwest of the Soviet office on the same street. Kecskemet residents stated that the Hungarian recruiting office was on the east side of Katona Jozsef Street, in the center of the city. In August, there was another Hungarian military office, which was guarded by a civilian, at 11 Laszlo Karoly Street, on the west side of this street. The Comitato Police Headquarters was located on the southeast side of Rakocsi Street, west of the main railroad station.

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* [] Comment. There is no doubt that Kecskemet is heavily occupied by Soviet tank and mechanized troops of the Second Gds Mecz Div stationed in this area. It has not yet been possible to determine the identity of the individual units in the barracks installations and other military quarters.

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** [] Comment. According to a deserter, a Hungarian army corps headquarters is carried in the former secondary school on the northwest side of Vasar Square. The construction of a new barracks installation is part of a general building program affecting several Hungarian military posts.

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*** [] Comment. Information on training camps in the area of Lokut and on the brief training of the 1927 and 1928 classes in the spring of 1951 was contained in previous reports.

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[] Upon examination, the draftees were first deferred from active service, but were subsequently called up for brief training courses.

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